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JOE MUNDAY,

The Great Lecturer, Will be in
Louisia Again on June 11th, in
College Benefit.

Joe Munday, one of the most entertaining and effective speakers on the platform to-day, delivered two lectures in Louisa last week, and will lecture here again on Thursday evening of this week at the court house. 25c. will be charged adults and 10c for children. 25 per cent. of the proceeds will be given to the Kentucky Normal College. The subject will be "Fleas." This is a lively subject and you should jump at the chance to hear it.

If you missed the two treats handed out by Mr. Munday last week just ask some one who was there about how much you lost and the reply will make you hungry enough to go this time. He has a magnificent voice, he is a fine impersonator and actor, he is a great humorist, and he has such command of pathos that he can bring tears to all eyes at will. No one can afford to miss the affair on Thursday night.

Edgar B. Hager for Congress.

Louisa, Ky., May 6.

Big Sandy News:

Will you please announce in your columns my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Ninth district? In making this announcement I am encouraged by the pledges of support made to me by various delegations at the convention two years ago, and I submit to the Democrats of the district my claim to recognition at their hands. Should I receive the nomination I shall conduct a clean and vigorous campaign for election, and if elected I will serve the people of my District to the best of my ability and devote my time and energy to the advancement of their interests. I am nominated by the following: Mr. Abrams, of Olive Hill, will do the brickwork and was here yesterday to arrange for starting as soon as possible. Plans for laying the corner stone of the new building on July 4th are being considered. Appropriate ceremonies and some big speakers will be provided if arrangements can be effected. Announcements will be made later on.

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An Involuntary Dose.

Morton, the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pickens, was in the wareroom of the store last Monday and while there he was attracted by a long rubber siphon hanging from a barrel of kerosene. Childish curiosity led him to put the tube into his mouth and suck. How much he drew from the vessel is not known, but being frightened at the unexpected results he ran into the house and told what he had done. Then his parents became as badly scared as the little doctor. Meanwhile the boy grew very sick and, fortunately, vomited up most or all of the poison. The little chap was pretty sick nearly all day but is now all right again. Old's well that a well.

Death of Miss Nora Neal.

Miss Nora, daughter of Wm. Neal, died last Friday at her home in East Fork, in this county. The burial occurred on Sunday. The services were performed by Rev. H. B. Hulet. Deceased was 24 years of age and was formerly a teacher of this county. She was a very intelligent and highly respected young lady and her early death is mourned by many. Consumption caused her death.

Ordained in Louisville.

The following from the Baptist Herald, Louisville, will interest the friends of the young minister who has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church in this city. Mr. Riggan will be here about the 10th of this month.

Ordination of Bro. George Garland Riggan. Pursuant to a call of the place.

Broadway Baptist Church the following brethren assembled in Norton Hall May 9 to examine Bro. G. G. Riggan with a view to his ordination to the Gospel ministry, he having been elected by the Louisa Baptist church to become their pastor; Dr. J. N. Prestridge, Broadway Baptist church; Dr. C. S. Gardner, Broadway Baptist Church; Dr. J. M. Weaver, Chestnut Street church; Dr. Carter Helm Jones, First church, Lynchburg, Va.; Dr. George B. Eager, Highland church; Dr. Byron H. Dement, Walnut Street Church. The Presbytery was organized by electing Dr. Prestridge chairman and B. H. DeMent secretary. Dr. Jones conducted the examination which was eminently satisfactory to the examining council, who therefore heartily and unanimously recommended his immediate ordination. The ordination services were held in Broadway church, 3 p. m. May 10; Dr. Prestridge presiding. Dr. Jones delivering the charge to the candidate, Dr. Gardner presenting the Bible and Dr. DeMent making the ordaining prayer. The benediction was pronounced by Bro. Riggan. The services were exceedingly tender and impressive. Bro. Riggan is a son of the late Prof. G. W. Riggan, of the S. B. T. S., and is a young man of exceptional promise.

CONTRACTS

For K. N. C. Building Are Not All
Closed—Cornerstone Laying July 4th.

Twenty-nine bidders submitted figures on the various parts of the work of construction on the Kentucky Normal College building. The bids were opened on Saturday evening. Nearly all of the bids have been rejected as unsatisfactory. Some of the bidders have since submitted revised bids and others will do so.

The committee is determined to keep within its means and will make every dollar count.

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Call for Ten Per Cent.

The Finance Committee of the Kentucky Normal College has issued a call for another 10 per cent. of the subscriptions to the building fund, payable on or before June 15th. Please save the committee the trouble of calling on you, as they get no salary and have no more interest in the matter than any of the subscribers have. G. A. Nash is secretary and will receive your money.

Flower Mission Day.

On Tuesday, June 9th, the Louisa W. C. T. U. organization will observe Flower Mission day. They will gather at the Baptist Church at two o'clock p. m. Everybody invited to take part. Bring flowers with you. The ladies will distribute these flowers at the hospital, the jail and among the sick after the close of the meeting.

Sunday School Picnic.

On Saturday of this week the M. E. Church Sunday School will give a picnic at Fountain Park. Those who are going will please meet at the church at 9 o'clock a. m., and go to the Park in a body. Everybody invited. Bring your dinner.

Relatives in Louisa have received news of the recent death of John M. Jones, of Sweetwater, Tenn. He was the father of the Misses Jones who have frequently visited Louisa, and a cousin of John W. Jones, of this place.

CORNERSTONE

Of Alice Mayo Hall Laid at Paintsville With Imposing Ceremonies.

Last Tuesday was a big day in Paintsville. The occasion was the laying of the corner stone of Alice Mayo Hall, a dormitory for girls, to be used in connection with Sandy Valley Seminary.

The ceremonies were under the direction of the Kentucky-Grand Lodge officers of the Masonic Fraternity. It was the first time this ceremony has been used in the Sandy Valley and the spectators were deeply interested. The corn, wine and oil were applied along with the impressive rites of this great and ancient order of builders. A number of Knights Templar were present in full uniform, most of them being from Ashland.

It was estimated that 1,000 visitors were present. Louisa, Prestonsburg and Pikeville were well represented.

A collection was taken amounting to nearly \$10,000. It was started by a check from Mrs. J. C. C. Mayo for \$2500.00 and one from her husband for \$500.00. This in addition to \$15,000 previously given. M. W. Thomas, of Ashland, gave \$1,000. John E. Buckingham contributed \$1,000.

Some of the speakers who were on the program failed to arrive, but their places were admirably filled by Hon. W. S. Harkins, Rev. W. I. Canter and Edgar B. Hager.

Notwithstanding the fact that these speakers had but short notice they acquitted themselves most creditably. Rev. Darlington, of Parkersburg, took the collection.

The dormitory will be located on the hill just back of the handsome Seminary building. It will be modern in every respect.

The highest tributes were paid by speakers to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mayo, who are the founders of this educational institution.

All visitors were well cared for by the hospitable people of Paintsville and the day will long be remembered by all who attended.

Goodwill McClure's Race.

Miss Goodwill McClure, little daughter of Prof. J. B. McClure, is one of the leaders for the pony, cart and harness offered by a Chicago farm paper. If she can hold her position in the race for June she will win. The contest will close June 30th. In May she sent in 369 subscriptions. The price of the paper is 25c a year.

Prof. McClure is laid up at home with an abscess on his ankle and will not be able to get out to help her. Any friends who desire to help the little girl in this race which is so nearly won will please send in their subscriptions before June 30th. It will be greatly appreciated.

Large Stores Consolidate.

Two of Huntington's leading merchants, J. W. Valentine and T. S. Garland have arranged to consolidate their large stores about August 1st. The handsome new building occupied by Mr. Valentine is being refitted in the upper story and basement and will be one of the finest in the Ohio Valley when completed.

Sales are now on to reduce stock as much as possible before the consolidation, so that new goods may take their place.

Torchlight.

The stork came to the home of Strother Thompson last Thursday night and left a 9-pound girl, much to the pleasure of Strother and his wife.

Also, the stork came to the home of Mr. Travis and left a 10-pound boy one night last week.

On the 25rd of last month T. P. Fitch and Miss Mary Belcher were quietly married at the home of Rev. J. T. Fraley who performed the ceremony; and on Monday night following the "bell crowd" did ample justice to its part of the program.

Also, on last Saturday evening about 5 o'clock, Wm. Henry Meade, about 20 years, was married to Miss Lucy Pigg aged 25 years. This ceremony was performed at the home of

Rev. J. T. Fraley, who performed the ceremony. We said some time ago that we had plenty of candidates for matrimony and so we have—others will follow.

Our base ball team crossed bats with the Pleasant Ridge boys last Saturday, at this place, and, as usual came off victorious.

Miss Max Carey is here this week visiting her brother, C. J. Carey, and Miss Bessie Diamond from Deephole, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. James Abbott.

Carl Compton and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of twins. Mrs. Garland Moore, mother of Dr. J. M. Moore, is visiting here this week.

C. J. Bartels returned from a pleasant visit to home folks at Nelsonsboro, O., last Monday.

Some of our people attended the Masonic celebration at Paintsville last Monday.

C. J. Carey, Jno. S. Damron and a few others are fishing in the waters of Tug Fork, and much is expected of them. They will remain away several days.

Grover See has gone to Williamson for the rest of the summer.

Geo. Foster, of Busseyville, has moved back to his farm near here and is farming.

We have an express office at this place under the authority of the Adams Express Co., and we are fully authorized to receive and transmit expressage of any sort allowed by law.

Much of the machinery for the Louisa Coal Co.'s mines, tipples and power house has already arrived and the work is progressing as rapidly as possible, and in the near future will be putting coal on the market.

F. S. McConnell, Pres., and Dwight E. Sapp, Sec., of the company were down a few days from Mt. Vernon, O., and expressed themselves highly pleased with the progress of the work, and the marked increase in the volume of business done in the store and through the office.

Buckskin Bess.

Pleasant Ridge.

H. Diamond, Alton Burchett, Oscar Diamond and others from Smoky Valley attended Sunday school here Sunday.

Mrs. Will Large is very sick. Drew Haws, Milt and Millard Bradley were present at the birthday dinner given by Miss Lizzie Bradley.

Misses Nora Roberts and Samantha Nelson attended decoration services at Mattie Sunday.

Misses Emma, Ida and Cora Berry attended church at Smoky Valley Saturday night.

Fred Trivette, of Pikeville is the guest of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Ball, of Deephole passed through here Friday night en route to Mattie.

Ira Adams of Osie passed through here recently.

Viola Roberts is on the sick list. E. M. Ramey and K. M. Chaffin, of Twin branch, passed through here Saturday.

J. A. Hutchison attended Sunday school at Smoky Valley Sunday. John Clarkson, of Busseyville, was here Monday.

Chris Shannon, of Louisa attended Sunday school here Sunday.

Robert Sturgell, of Princess was here Saturday.

Nobody's Darling.

Masonic Ceremonies.

Apperson Lodge No. 195, F. & A. M., will conduct funeral services at the grave of the late Ira Hale, on the left Fork of Little Blaine, near Morg Martin's on Sunday, June 14, at 10 a. m. Richardson and Jake Rice Lodges are invited to join with us in these services. C. C. Hill, Master.

Thirteen Prisoners.

The Sheriff of Pike county passed through Louisa Monday morning with thirteen prisoners en route to the State Prison at Frankfort. The prisoners were sentenced to the penitentiary for shooting and robbing two Hungarian families.

Masonic Picnic.

The local lodge of Masons, with their wives, daughters and mothers, will probably celebrate St John's Day, June 24th, by holding a picnic. Arrangements have not yet been entirely completed.

KILLED

By the Bite of a Snake Was Chas. Conn, Known on Big Sandy.

In Louisville Friday night a very tragic affair resulted in the death of Chas. Conn, of Lexington, who was formerly a civil engineer employed in the Big Sandy Valley on the engineering force that built the extension of the C. & O. railroad. He was located at Prestonsburg for quite awhile. He was in Louisa about a month ago.

Following is an account of the horrible affair taken from the Louisville Times:

From the effect of a rattlesnake bite, Chas. Conn, 27 years of age, a traveling salesman for the American Law Book Company and prominent Mason, of Lexington, Ky., died a raving maniac at the Deaconess Hospital. Conn was bitten last night by a huge rattler on exhibition at the Mary Anderson Theater cigar store and all efforts to save his life were in vain.

As he lay writhing in agony on the floor, Conn begged the bystanders to amputate his arm, exclaiming, "Boys it is all up with me, don't be afraid. I won't mind the pain." The horrified spectators stood as if paralyzed and finally in his delirium the man took out his pocket knife and began to cut away the flesh from the tiny wounds, but the knife soon fell from his helpless hands.

Witnessed by scores of persons on Fourth Avenue who peered through the glass show case the weird and terrible struggle between Conn and the deadly reptile took place. Bitten three times by the monster Conn still struggled on, holding the reptile by the throat until the panic-stricken people in the store made their escape in terror.

According to the story of witnesses, Charles Conn, accompanied by a friend, Eugene Osler, a drummer for a New York firm, with whom he roomed at Ruffer's Hotel, entered the store shortly after 9 o'clock, and after purchasing cigars viewed the snake which was on exhibition in a small wooden box near the cigar case. Edward Ries, a clerk in the store, who owned the snake, warned Conn to be careful of the reptile.

Conn, who was a former civil engineer and who had lived in Arizona, only laughed at the warning, saying that he was a snake charmer and that no rattler could best him. With these words he withdrew the reptile from its cage, and holding it by the throat, exhibited its length to those present. The snake struggled in his clutches and the whirl of its seven rattles frightened the audience. Conn then replaced the snake in the box and a few persons gathered and talked of the incident.

Before anyone had recovered from the first exhibition of the amateur snake charmer, he again drew the reptile from its cage and allowed it to coil about his right arm. Hardly noticing it, he began to chat with the men in the store of his experience in the West with rattlers, when suddenly the writhing object struggled from his grasp and plunged its fangs into his right hand.

With a cry of pain he twirled the snake through the air and threw it far across the room, where it alighted on the shoulders of a bystander, who shrieked in terror. Realizing what he had done Conn ran to the aid of the terror-stricken man, and then began the struggle between man and reptile. After a few seconds, which seemd hours to the terrified onlookers, Conn released the man uninjured, but was himself bitten twice in the arm by the infuriated rattler. Throwing it to the floor, he attempted to kill it, but growing weaker he swooned and leaned against the cigar stand for support. The snake for the time made its escape behind some boxes.

Conn was carried to the cafe in the basement of the building where nearly a pint of whiskey was poured down his throat. A doctor was immediately summoned and arrived in three minutes, but by this time the unfortunate man lay on a bench in a state of collapse. The poison had already permeated his system and the awful agony was apparent to

every one. Weakly he raised his voice and begged the physician to do something to alleviate his pain. An automobile was brought and the man was taken to the Deaconess Hospital with breakneck speed.

At the hospital the physicians opened his veins and injected strong solutions of permanganate of potassium in an effort to neutralize the poison. Although Conn recovered complete consciousness, he became a raving maniac and had to be strapped in bed, where the combined strength of nurses and physicians was barely sufficient to keep him. The effects of the poison were awful to behold. The eyes of the unfortunate man, contracted until they looked like mere beads, while his tongue was swollen to five times its normal size and protruded from his mouth.

Gradually the struggles of the man became weaker and weaker and the physicians did all in their power to stimulate heart action, but to no avail and Conn passed away at four o'clock a. m.

Conn was prominently connected in Lexington. He leaves a wife and three children. After the removal of Conn from the Cigar store, the brave among the crowd, which had collected, hunted out the vicious snake and with clubs and brooms dispatched it. The reptile was shipped to Edward Ries several days ago from the mountain section of Kentucky. It was what is known as a "diamond back," the most deadly variety of rattlesnakes.

Charles Conn was the son of F. J. Conn, superintendent of bridge construction on the Q. & C. railroad, residing at Lexington. He was the only boy of the family, and had two sisters, Mrs. J. T. Pride, wife of the well-known Lexington attorney, and Miss Pearl Conn.

Adams.

We are glad to say that our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Quite a number from this place attended the decoration at Mattie and all report a nice time.

We are very glad to say that the sick in our community are some better.

Miss Nora Thompson, of this place, spent Sunday with her uncle, D. L. Thompson.

Miss Pearl Hughes, of Osie, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Milt McKinster. Misses Mary Moore and Violet Hays took dinner with Lillie Hays Sunday.

Ethel Moore, of Louisa, spent Sunday with her cousin, Nora Thompson.

John Carnutte was visiting at J. M. Hayes' Sunday.

Addie Miller was the guest of Etta McKinster Sunday.

Jim Miller has bought a fine cow. Scott Thompson and Milt McKinster are dealers in black cattle.

Joe Moore was the guest of Miss Mary Hayes Sunday.

Nora Thompson attended church at Ivory Sunday.

Etta McKinster was the guest of Lillie Hays Saturday.

John Cur, nute was the pleasant guest of Pearl Hughes Sunday.

Nobody's Darling.

Confederate Reunion.

The annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held at Birmingham June 9, 10 and 11. After months of hard work Birmingham is ready to welcome the thousands from all parts of the Nation who have already signified their intention of being present.

Conference Date Changed.

The time for holding the annual session of the Western Virginia Conference has been changed to September 17. The change was made to avoid clashing with the Baptist Association and the United States Court.

A Business Change.

J. M. Bromley has retired from the firm of Bromley Bros., and the business will be continued by C. B. Bromley. All accounts due the firm will be collected by C. B., and all indebtedness is assumed by him.

Forest Picklesimer, of Paintsville, a C. and O. fireman, was paralyzed a few days ago and is at the hospital at Hinton.